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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the following information.

It is respectfully submitted that this case was recently assigned to the undersigned attorney for continued prosecution. The attorney who originally filed this case, L. Keith Stephens, Registration Number 32,632, is now deceased. A first Petition to Make Special was filed in this case on December 13, 1999. This Petition to Make Special was based on a careful and thorough search. This Petition to Make Special was filed in this case on the basis that "an infringing device or product is actually on the market and/or an infringing method is actually in use (MPEP 708.02(II)(A))" and that "a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product or method with the claims of the application [was made], and in [the] opinion [of the submitter] some of the claims are unquestionably infringed (MPEP 708.02(II)(B))." Keith Stephens also indicated that he "made a careful and thorough search of the prior art. (MPEP

708.02(II)(C))." The Petition to Make Special based on infringement was granted. The decision on the Petition to Make Special based on infringement was mailed on February 2, 2000. Due to the death of Mr. Stephens, we are unable to discuss the petition with Mr. Stephens in order to confirm the accuracy of the statements made by Mr. Stephens. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the Patent Office not rely on any statements made in the previously submitted Petitions. The Patent Office may take whatever action it deems appropriate including withdrawal of this application from Special Status.

Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and signing a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement, transmitted herewith, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

The information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is to the best of my knowledge and is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.


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